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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 2212

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SUBJECT: OAU RECOGNITION OF CANARY ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE
MOVEMENT

REF: DAKAR 1683

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN ABIDJAN, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MADRID,
IS PROTESTING OAU RECOGNITION OF CANARY ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE
MOVEMENT IN TERMS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED IN DAKAR. AT RECENT
DINNER PARTY, SPANISH AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT OF IVORIAN
SUPREME COURT, ALPHONSE BONI, AND TO ME HIS SURPRISE THAT IVORIAN
DELEGATION AT TRIPOLI MEETING HAD VOTED IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION.
HE ADDED THAT ACTION HAD CAUSED HIM CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL EMBAR-
RASSMENT BECAUSE HE HAD RECENTLY CONVEYED TO MADRID ASSURANCES
FROM BOTH HOUPHOUET AND FONMIN AKE THAT IVORY COAST RECOGNIZED
SPANISH CHARACTER OF CANARIES. BONI TOLD SPANISH AMBASSADOR THAT
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IVORIAN DELEGATION'S VOTE DID NOT, REPEAT, NO REPRESENT ATTITUDE
OF IVORIAN GOVERNMENT. HE COULD ONLY SUPPOSE THAT DELEGATION HAD
ACTED WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. BONI SAID THAT HE WOULD RAISE
SUBJECT WITH BOTH HOUPHOUET AND AKE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

2. COMMENT: AS IN CASE OF SENEGALESE VOTE, WE DOUBT THAT IVORIANS
ARE BEING DISINGENUOUS. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT IVORIAN DELEGATION

WENT TO TRIPOLI WITH GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT MAJORITY
POSITIONS AND FAILED TO SEEK OR RECEIVE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ON
CANARY ISLANDS.
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